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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first an joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ION MILL SHUTTER SYSTEM FOR FORMING STRIPE HEIGHT.

The specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ³ 1.56 (see page 4 attached hereto).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, '119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

No such claim for priority is being made at this time.

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. ∋ 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, > 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, > 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, > 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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